



By virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby proclaim the month of April as  
Child Abuse Prevention Month in \_\_\_\_\_.

Whereas, every child in our great Commonwealth is a precious gift,  
full of promise and potential; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem in Virginia and across the nation; and

Whereas, the prevention of child abuse and neglect is crucial to the preservation of the  
health and well-being of Virginia's families and can be accomplished by providing support and  
information to families as well as through increased community awareness; and

Whereas, all children learn from role models at home, at their place of worship,  
at school, and in their communities – and all children benefit from the love and leadership  
displayed by caring and responsible adults; and

Whereas, children are our most precious resource and we are committed to  
keeping the children of this great Commonwealth safe, healthy, and happy; and

**Now therefore I,** \_\_\_\_\_,

do hereby recognize **April 2004** as

***Child Abuse Prevention Month***

in \_\_\_\_\_

and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.